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G.O. No. 1472 P.H

Dated 4th May 1948

[Despatch Abstract.]

Acts - Indian Medical Degrees Act - Use of unauthorised titles - Mr. John Sundaram - Prosecution of - Papers - Recorded

Confidential. Madras (6), 21st October 1947.

Copy of letter No.R.71634-Nursing, dated 21st October 1947, from Dr.S.L. Bhatia, CIE, MC, VHS., MA., MD (CANTAB, FRCP (Lond), FRS(E), Surgeon General with the Government of Madras, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Education and Public Health Department, Fort St. George, Madras.

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Sub: Male nurses practising as Doctors etc.

Ref: Confidential Government Memorandum No.62973-3-H2,P.H. dated 30-9-1947.

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Among the reports received from the Superintendents of some of the City State Hospitals and some of the District Medical Officers in the matter, it is observed that there is no specific case fit to be taken up for further inquiry etc. As, however, the Superintendent, Government Stanley Hospital, Madras, indicated that there were two male nurses in this Hospital suspected to practise as Doctors, he was requested to make further inquiries in the matter and to submit his report. He has since reported that he is unable to get written statement to vouchsafe to the illegal practice on the part of the male nurses. I am enclsoing herewith copies of his letters No.8866-N/47, dated 20th August, 1947, and No.10659-N-E/47, dated 9th October 1947, together with the photograph referred to in former for the information of the Government.

2. Male nurse John Sundaram has since resigned his appointment from 18th September 1947 and nurse Andrews has been transferred to Bellary.

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Copies of letter No.8866-N-47, dated 20th August 1947, from the Superintendent, Government Stanley Hospital, Madras, to the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras.

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I have got photographic evidence in respect of one male nurse of this hospital against whom there is an enquiry pending in connection with disobedience of orders of his Surgeon. I shall send a report on the subject later on when the enquiry is over. There is a sign board hanging from his house which bears the name as "Dr.Hohn Sundaram, H.M.B.S.". The photograph of the board is sent herewith.

There is also another male nurse by name Mr.S.C. Andrews who is also reported to have a good practice in the treatment of venereal diseases. He is also reported to be known as "Dr.Andrews". He is now under orders of transfer to Bellary.

2. Regarding the use of drugs, there is a strict control exercised and specially with regard to special drugs an audit is conducted at the end of each month seeing the expenditure of various drugs. In this connection a copy of the hospital orders issued is enclosed for your information. We have taken action with regard to the expenditure of dressings and see that material does not leave out of the hospital- vide my letter P.75-Est. 6363/46, dated 30-9-1946, page 10 and para III, with regard to the economic use of dressings. Though it is difficult to control the expenditure of special drugs, yet every attempt of

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at economy is made and sisters in charge of wards make confidential enquiries to see if these drugs really reach the pateients and also to see that proper entries are made in the books. These books are checked by the Resident Medical Officer and sometimes by the Superintendent when he finds there is extraordinary expenditure in regard to items.

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COPY of letter No.10659=N-E/47, dated 9th October 1947, from the Superintendent, Government Stanley Hospital, Madras, to the Surgeon General with the Government of Madras.

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I cannot get vouched written statements about the practising propensities of the male nurses. In the case of Mr. John Sundaram, the name board which was hung up in his house at No.60, Tiruvotiyur High Road, Madras, showed that he was practising as a doctor. A photograph of the board was taken and this was sent to you with my letter No.8866-N-47, dated 20th August 1947. In this connection I wish to state that the public are not willing to give any vouched statement with regard to the practising propensities of staff-nurses. If they do it, it would be easy to eradicate the defect.

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Sub: Acts - Indian Medical Degrees Act - Madras (Amendment) Act 1940 - Use of unauthorised titles - Mr. John Sundaram - Prosecution of.

From the Surgeon General Ref.No.71634-N, dated 21-10-47.
From the Commissioner of Police, Madras Rc.No.F1 1949/48 dated 15-1-48.
From the District Magistrate, Chingleput, No.L.Dis 789M. 48 dated 6-4-1948.

Memo.No.26014/48-1 G_2 Public Health, dated 29-4-48.

The District Magistrate, Chingleput, is requested to instruct the Police to watch the activities of Mr.John Sundaram and report to Government if he again uses the prefix 'Dr' and suffix 'H.M.B.S.' to his name.

To the District Magistrate, Chingleput.

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To the Surgeon General.
To the Commissioner of Police, Madras.

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Education and Public Health Department.

Male Nurse - Practising as Doctor etc.

REf: Govt. Memo.No. 62973-8/47 H_2 Public Health, dated 3-2-48.

Memo.No.62973-9/47 H_2 Public Health, dated 16-3-48.

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The District Magistrate, Chingleput is requested to say when his reply to the Memo. cited above may be expected.

To the District Magistrate, Chingleput. (in a sealed cover)

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Copy of letter No.L.Dis.789, M.48, dated 6th April 1948, from Sri S. Venkateswaran, C.I.E., I.C.S., District Magistrate, Chingleput District, Saidapet, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Education and Public Health Department, Fort St. George Madras.

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Sub: Male Nurse - Practising as a Doctor - John Sundaram.

Ref: Government Memo No.62973/8-47 H. Public Health, dated 3/2/48.

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The District Superintendent of Police, St. Thomas Mount reports that Mr. John Sundaram came to Uthukottai village six months back and that he is now practising Homeopathic medicine with a small dispensary by name "Swarna Homes Pharmacy". It is further reported that he is not using either the prefix "Dr" to his name or the title 'H.M.B.S.'. An old letter pad containing the letter heads with the prefixes and suffixes added to his name ~~within~~ which was used by him while he was at Washermanpet Madras was seized from him. The District Superintendent of Police further reports that so far as his stay in Uthukottai is concerned, there is no evidence that John Sundaram assumed bogus titles or used

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the letter head mentioned above. John Sundaram is reported to ~~Pa.~~ Possess a certificate issued by the Simla Homeo Medical College (copy enclosed), and according tb this certificate he is a qualified H.M.B.S. The outpatients register for the period 10-9-47 to 17-11-47, after which date the register was discontinued and the letter pad seized by the police, are sent herewith for reference.

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Education and Public Health Department.

Memo.No.62973-8/47 H2 Public Health, dated 3-2-48.

Male Nurse - Practising as a doctor etc.

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Ref. Govt. Memo.No.62973-1 D3 Public Health dated 6-8-47.
From the Surgeon General R.71634-N, dated 13-9-47.
From the Surgeon General No.R.71634-Nursing , dated 21-10-47
From the Commissioner of Police, Rc.No.F1 1949/48,
dated 15-1-1948.

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It has been reported that Male Nurse, John Sundaram who has resigned his job in the Stanley Hospital, Madras is running a sort of dispensary in Oothukottai village in Chingleput District. Copies of correspondence cited above are communicated to the District Magistrate, Chingleput and he is requested to investigate and report whether the Male Nurse, is practising medicine assuming bogus titles and whether he uses the prefix 'Doctor' and suffix 'B.Sc., M.B.B.S.' or 'H.M.B.S.' to his name indicating that he is a qualified medical practitioner. He is also requested to collect necessary documentary evidence such as letter heads, copies of

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communications sent by him, if any to support prosecution in case he is found to be practising medicine using bogus titles.

To the District Magistrate, Chingleput.
To the Surgeon General.
To the President, Madras Medical Council, No.81, Mount Road, Madras.

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Copy of letter No.F1 1949/48, dated 15th January 1948, from Sri A.V. Patro, M.B.E., I.P., Commissioner of Police, Egmore, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Education and Public Health Department, Fort St. George, Madras.

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Sub: Male Nurse - Practising as a Doctor.

Ref: Government Memorandum No.62973 Public Health Department, dated 4th December 1947.

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On enquiry, it is learnt that Male Nurse John Sundaram who resigned his job in the Stanley Hospital, Madras in September 1947 was living in house No.60, Tiruvottiyur High Road. He left Madras about 3 months ago for Oothukottai near Trivellore. It is ascertained that while he was in Madras he was giving Allopathic and Homeopathic medicines to poor people and that there was also a a name board of his hung on the first floor of the house. It is not found there now. It is reported that he is running a sort of dispensary in Oothukootai village in Chingleput District.

Efforts to trace the persons to whom he gave medicine while in Madras did not prove fruitful. No letter-heads with his name printed or written could also be traced.

Further enquiries may be caused to be made in the Chingleput District.

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Male Nurse - Practising as a doctor etc.

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Ref: Govt. Memo.No.62973-1 D3Public Health, dated 6-8-1947.
From the Surgeon General R.71634-N, dated 13-9-47.
From the Surgeon General No.R.71634-Nursing dated 21-10-47.

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Memo. 62973-6 H2 Public Health, dated 10-12-47.

Copies of correspondence cited above together with the enclosures are communicated to the commissioner of Police, Madras. He is requested to investigate and report whether the Male Nurse, John Sundaram, is practising medicine assuming bogus titles and whether he uses the prefix 'Doret Doctor' and suffix 'B.Sc. M.B.B.S.' or 'H.M.B.S.' to his name indicating that he is a qualified medical practitioner. He is also requested to collect necessary documentary evidence such as letter heads, copies of communications sent by him, if any, to support prosecution in case he is found to be practising medicine using bogus titles.

To the Commissioner of Police, Madras.
Copy to the Surgeon General.
Copy to the President, Madras Medical Council, No.81, Mount Road, Madras.

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Memo.62973-7 H_2 Public Health, dated 6-1-48.

Male - Nurse - Practising as doctor etc.

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Ref: Govt. Memo.No.62973 6 H_2 Public Health, dated 10-12-47.

The Commissioner of Police is requested to say when his reply to the Memo. cited above may be expected.

To the Commissioner of Police, Madras.

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Male Nurses - Practising as doctors etc.

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Ref: Government Memo.No.62973-1 D3 Public Health, dated 6-8-47.
From the Surgeon-General No.71634, Nursing dated 21-10-47.

Memo.No.62973-5 H_2 Public Health, dated 4-12-47.

The Sugeon General is requested to instruct the District Medical Officer, Bellary to keep a watch over Mr.S.C. Andrews in order to find out the if he engages himself in any practice in Bellary and to take necessary action against him, if He does,. reporting the matter to Government.

To the Surgeon General.

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(Issued as Memo.No.26014/48-1 G_2 Public Health, dated 29-11-48).

The papers may be recorded for ~~further~~ future reference.

Order Ms.No.1472, Public Health Dated 4th May 1948.

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